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PAN-AMERICAN DISASTER

Thirty Killed In Crash At Irish Airfield

Hong Kong Rubber Shoes Banned

Manila, Apr. 15. The importation of rubber shoes from Hong Kong has been forbidden as from today by order of the Philippine Secretary of Finance. The order alleges that shoes from Hong Kong are being dumped and sold below the cost of the locally manufactured product.—Reuter.

Jerusalem Oil Dumps On Fire

Jerusalem, Apr. 15. Oil dumps of the Jerusalem Electric Corporation caught fire today endangering the city's power for light and other uses. Great tongues of flame shot 300 feet to the sky from the dumps which caught fire without explosion or warning. Black smoke billowed to the blue sky. The British-owned power company is situated near the main railroad station. British army, police and fire brigades fought the flames and thousands of Arab residents of the area looked on at the fire which was almost certainly set going deliberately. Hagana field radio reported from Mithmar Haemek last night that they had cut off electricity and had driven the Arabs back with at least 40 deaths. Arab leaders said their forces would enter the village at any hour.—United Press.

Demarcation Of The Border

Chinese and Hong Kong representatives met at Shatouk early yesterday afternoon to carry out a joint survey and to restore to their original position five boundary stones marking the boundary between Chinese territory and the Colony, displaced during the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong. The five boundary stones were all found not far from the places where they had originally stood. Maps were produced by the Hong Kong authorities showing as closely as possible the exact positions where the stones stood. Replacement of the displaced boundary stones will be useful in connection with the prevention of smuggling and will avoid the possibility of misunderstandings arising owing to uncertainty as to the exact boundary. The Hong Kong authorities were represented by Mr. J. Barrow, O.B.E., District Officer, New Territories, who was accompanied by Mr. C.B.E. Heathcote-Smith, Political Adviser, Mr. E. D. Stansfeld, Superintendent of Crown Lands, and Mr. I.M. Gordon-Williams, District Officer, Tai Po. The Chinese party was headed by General Hsu Ching-Tang, Director of Civil Affairs, Kwangtung Provincial Government, accompanied by Mr. Pan Shui-Chung, Department Head in Civil Affairs Department, Kwangtung Provincial Government, Mr. Li Sun-Man of the Office of the Special Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Kwangtung, Mr. Tsang Chung-chau of the Kwangtung Provincial Land Office, Hong Kong, and Mr. Wu Hsin-hsing of the Office of the Special Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Hong Kong.

Doctors To Vote Again

London, Apr. 14. Britain's medical profession is to hold a second plebiscite on the Government's Health Service, due to start on July 5. Fifteen thousand doctors will be asked to reconsider whether they should cooperate in the Service now that the Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, has agreed that they will not be compelled to accept a basic State-paid salary unless they are in the last three years of their practice. Mr. Bevan has also promised an amending Bill which will make it impossible for the Government to introduce a whole-time salaried State medical service by a departmental regulation instead of by an Act of Parliament. The decision on another plebiscite—the first one overwhelmingly rejected service under the present Bill on the ground that it paved the way for a full-time State service—was taken tonight by the Council of the British Medical Association.—Reuter.

On Other Pages

Prominent Indians Among Victims

Shannon, Apr. 15. Thirty persons were killed today in the wreck of a Pan-American World Airways "Constellation" en route from Karachi to New York. Mark Worst, manager of the Lockheed Aviation Corporation base at Shannon, was the only survivor. He saved himself by climbing through a hole in the fuselage before the plane crashed and burned while trying to land at Shannon airport from London.

The list of dead, according to F. Tupper, Pan-American Public Relations Officer, including 14 crew, all Americans; nine American passengers, one British (a woman), five Indians, one Frenchman, two Italians, one Pakistani woman and one stateless man. Mr. Tupper said the names of the dead would be withheld until relatives could be notified. Mr. Worst said the plane came in for a landing once, pulled out and crashed on its second approach. The last serious crash at Shannon was in December, 1946 when a Trans-World plane crashed, killing 12.—Associated Press.

Hit Hayloft
The plane hit a hayloft and burned so intensely that rescuers were unable to remove the bodies until some time after the crash. Worst said: "The weather was bad, the ceiling was low and there was a ground mist. The pilot made one pass at the field and then had to go around again because another plane was taking off." He said the plane seemed to fall directly into the ground as it came in on the second landing attempt.

"There seemed to be nothing wrong with the plane," he added. "The plane began burning as it slid along the ground." Three members of one American family, George, Agnes and Bruce Henderson, whose address was care of American Legation, Damascus, were killed. The passengers boarded the plane at Karachi, Damascus and London.—United Press.

Millionaire Killed
Sir Homi Mulla, 77-year-old Bombay millionaire and one-time Indian representative on the League of Nations, was one of the 30 people killed. Miss Mulla, Shahmawaz, journalist and poetess, of Lahore, was also among those killed. One of the wealthy Parsis, Sir Homi's vast industrial undertakings included textile mills and insurance companies. Last February, his eldest son died after a car accident in India. Five hours after the disaster, which occurred when the aircraft was coming in to make an instrument landing, in low visibility, the last of the 30 bodies was taken by rescue workers from the burned out wreckage. Pan-American officials at Shannon told Reuter that the plane appeared to be making a normal landing and did not appear that she was in any difficulty. "She crashed within the area of the landing field, but about 1,000 yards off the runway." Two members of the night-shift at the Shannon Lockheed plant were the first on the scene of the disaster. They were Mr. Desmond McKeown and Mr. George Bennett. Driving home from the airport, they saw the Constellation coming in to land. "It hit the ground," they told reporters, "and immediately the petrol tanks exploded and a sheet of flame shot up to a height of 300 feet."—Reuter.

TOLD PRINCESS ABOUT IT

London, Apr. 14. Thirteen children went to Buckingham Palace today to tell Princess Elizabeth about their "wedding present holiday" in Belgium. They were children selected by the "Save The Children" Fund to enjoy three weeks in Belgium as the guests of a Belgian committee which offered this tribute as a wedding present to the Princess.—Associated Press.

Colony's Largest Squatter Camp

On the hillside to the east of the English Methodist Church in Wanchai, on what is believed to be Admiralty land, one of the largest Squatter Settlements in the Colony is becoming firmly established.

There are already about 150 ramshackle huts on this hillside, housing approximately 700 odd men, women and children.

Some of the huts are built of wood, others of wood and matting, while cardboard, similar to that used for partitions in offices, has been utilized in the construction of a third type. All huts in occupation have been numbered. A number of the huts are perched precariously on the edge of the steep incline at the Stubbs Road end of the hillside and during typhoon weather, these huts would in probability collapse and fall into Stubbs Road. The sanitary conditions are deplorable and even as one turns the corner of the pathway from Kennedy Road leading to the top of the hill, an appalling stench assaults the nostrils.

Filthy State
The huts, of different sizes, are all ill-furnished; the only lamps are kerosene lamps; there is no electricity table and a few bed boards.



The insistence of the Russians on controlling traffic to and from the Western zones of Germany, from Berlin, has led to the establishment of extra precautions by the other occupying powers. Here U.S. military police, with cocked carbines are seen at the U.S. check-point, Wannsee, in the U.S. Sector of Berlin. This check-point, set up on April 3, controls traffic on the Russians' main motor route between Potsdam and Berlin.

RED THREAT IN ITALY OF CIVIL WAR

Rome, Apr. 15. The Italian election campaign reached its climax today with a clash between Fascist remnants and a fight between Communists and police in Mantova.

The Communist boss, Palmiro Togliatti, said in a newspaper article that a "relapse into civil war" might be ahead.

The incidents and propaganda symbolised the fierceness of the closing days of the campaign.

Togliatti, writing in the Communist newspaper *Unita*, charged the Prime Minister, Alcide De Gasperi, with trying to bring a return of "Fascist reactionary tyranny."

"This means once again a deep laceration of the national texture and a relapse into civil war. There are those who want to lay their hands on our country and to make it a base for atomic warfare against the Soviet Union," he said. Nowhere were there signs of anything so serious as to threaten the whole country with an outbreak.

In Rome, for the first time since the war, Fascist flags swung against Jews last night when 200 members of the outright Fascist Italian Social Movement invaded Rome's ghetto quarter.

The column marched in singing the Fascist hymn and shouting "death to Jews." From cafes and bars Jews came out swinging chairs and anything handy.

Flying Arms Into Palestine
The British Government has been aware for some time that quantities of arms, loaded on aircraft in Czechoslovakia under police supervision, were being secretly flown to the Jewish areas in Palestine. A Foreign Office spokesman said today. He was commenting on a press report that five tons of arms were secretly delivered to men of the Hagana, the Jewish defence force, last night by a plane from Czechoslovakia. Pointing out that this was not the first time that such incidents had occurred, the spokesman said that on March 8, a Skymaster aircraft, with United States markings, had landed in Prague and had loaded seven tons of cargo, described as "surgical instruments and small tools" under the supervision of the Czech police. The crew of the plane, however, stated that they thought the cargo consisted in fact of arms and ammunition, and added that the previous night they had flown to Lake Balaton in Hungary, guided by flares from a nearby Jewish settlement and unloaded a similar cargo. Reports from Palestine subsequently confirmed that such a plane had in fact landed at the airport on the night specified.—Reuter.

GANDHI DEFIANT
Durban, Apr. 15. Mr. Gandhi, son of the murdered Mahatma, will lead about 100 passive resisters across the border from Transvaal into Natal on April 16. In defiance of the regulations forbidding Indians to cross the provincial borders without permits, Mr. Gandhi, announcing this, said: "I was not arrested when I led a batch of resisters to the Transvaal border on April 11, and I will not be arrested again."—Reuter.

London, Apr. 15. Lord Mountbatten, who relinquishes the Governor-Generalship of India in June, will fly to London in time to take part in the second session at the Albert Hall on June 15 of the Commonwealth Conference. He will be accompanied by his wife and daughter, who fought in Burma.—Reuter.

DICTATORIAL POWERS FOR CHIANG KAI-SHEK

'Temporary Provision' Urged In Nanking

Nanking, Apr. 15. While Chiang Kai-shek still firmly maintains that the new constitution must not be amended before being put into operation, Independent and Liberal delegates to the National Assembly submitted a resolution to the House this morning calling for a revision of the constitution, "during the present state of national emergency," granting supreme power to the President of the Republic. This "temporary provision" was signed by more than 700 delegates and is strongly supported by Mo Teh-hui, Independent Manchurian delegate, and by the Foreign Minister, Wang Shih-chieh.

Mo, who is also one of the Vice-Presidential candidates, said today that during the period of Communist suppression and in order to avert greater disasters the President should be granted discretionary powers provided under Articles 39 and 43 of the constitution.

Wang Shih-chieh said the Assembly and the country faced two main tasks. They were the implementation of the constitution and the suppression of the Communists. "These two tasks must be taken together and must not conflict with each other," he added.

"If the Government is bound by the constitution it will not be free to carry on its suppression campaign. On the other hand, if the amendment is accepted, the Government, while observing the constitution, will have powers to execute military campaigns." Wang pointed out that the Legislative Yuan would be in recess most of the time and "this would prove a great handicap to the President should everything be undertaken by the Government."

"If some emergency arises, the Government must act quickly without waiting for the Legislative Yuan's approval." **Resolution**
The amendment, calling for temporary provisions to be incorporated into the constitution which would remain effective during the "present period of national crisis," was contained in a resolution placed before the Assembly during the period of the national crisis the President may without previous authority from the Legislative Yuan, take measures to avert and protect the security of the State and people and cope with any serious financial or economic problem provided such measures should have been approved by the Executive Yuan.

Secondly, the Legislative Yuan may modify or abrogate such measures; and Thirdly, the President may, on his own initiative, or shall, at the request of the Legislative Yuan, declare the termination of the period of national crisis.

Safeguards
The amendment contains adequate safeguards against any possible misuse of the President's emergency powers, the sponsors pointed out. "The emergency powers conferred on the President under the first paragraph are limited to certain specific objects and may be exercised only in cases of extreme necessity. Furthermore, the Legislative Yuan under Paragraphs two and three may modify or abrogate the emergency measures ordered by the President and may even terminate the period for which the powers have been granted. More than 200 students attempted to march into the National Assembly yesterday afternoon to present an impeachment of the Anhwei Governor, General Li Ping-hai, when police and gendarmes blocked their way about 30 yards from the Assembly hall.

Phrading down the main street leading to the hall, shouting slogans and distributing handbills, the students were stopped at the western archway, specially built to celebrate the Assembly, where four huge army trucks were backed against their entry in a row. In their petition to the Assembly, the students, who said that they represented all those Nanking and Shanghai colleges and middle schools coming from Anhwei Province, demanded the removal and prosecution of Governor Li Ping-hai on the following charges: misappropriation of Provincial funds; harbouring corrupt officials; reaping personal profit while accepting the Japanese surrender and intelligence with the enemy during the war.

Minorities Protest
Chiang Kai-shek's government in Nanking is in a dilemma. The Government at yesterday's session of the National Assembly, for its "flagrant neglect" of their welfare and interests. The delegates represented Mongolian, Sinkiang and Tibetan groups, whose resentment toward the Government was heightened by the omission of these border regions in the administrative reports rendered yesterday morning by Mr. Chang Li-sheng, Minister of the Interior, Mr. Chu Chia-hua, Minister of Education, and Mr. Ku Cheng-kang, Minister of Social Affairs.

Two Mongolian delegates attacked the Government for failure to allow them self-government as promised by President Chiang Kai-shek. They said that though the Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission did formulate a political programme for Mongolia, its implementation was "delayed again and again."—Reuter-AAP.

FALSE REPORTS
Geneva, Apr. 14. The main committee of the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information today unanimously accepted an Australian resolution seeking to bind countries to aid against war propaganda and false and distorted reports.—Reuter.

FEDOREV RECALLED
Moscow, Apr. 15. M. Fedorov, Soviet delegate to the four-power commission reporting on former Italian colonies, has been recalled to Moscow, it was learned here today. No reason was given by the Russian Foreign Ministry, except that he would return soon.—Reuter.

Four-Year Plan For H.K. University

University facilities for Hong Kong are to be restored as rapidly as possible to what they were before the Japanese attack.

Announcing this in the House of Commons, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, said that, honours courses in arts and science will again be offered as from September this year. More medical students will be admitted, and training of teachers of English for China will be continued with training of teachers for schools in the Colony. After the liberation of Hong Kong, the future of the University was considered in London by a Committee who recommended the re-establishment of the University on a similar basis to that of the University of Hong Kong. The Committee also recommended that the University should be a body of trustees, with a governing body, and that the Government should be responsible for the maintenance of the University.—Reuter.

Philippine President Ill

New York, Apr. 15. Oxygen was tonight being administered to President Roxas of the Philippines, stricken with a heart attack after making an anti-Communist speech, a radio broadcast from Manila, picked up here said today. The President had been speaking at Clark Field, the American air base.—Reuter.

Death Penalty Experiment

London, Apr. 14. Crossing Party lines, the House of Commons today overrode Government opposition and voted 245-222 to abolish the death penalty for murder for a trial period of five years.

When the bill becomes law, only high treason, piracy with violence and sabotage of Royal dockyards will be punishable by death in the United Kingdom, which had 200 capital crimes at the beginning of the 19th Century. For an experimental five-year period, British murderers may be sentenced to life imprisonment, but not hanged.

Cheers rang through the House after the bill was passed. Members jumped excitedly to their feet, shouting, shaking hands and throwing papers in the air—a wild jubilation rarely observed in the House.

Proposed by Labour members and seconded by Conservatives, the motion was opposed by the Government. The Labour Party gave its rank and file members of the Commons free choice, but instructed 70 Members of the Crown to vote against the bill on the grounds that abolition of the death penalty would increase Britain's trouble-making post-war crime wave.—United Press.

EX-MINISTER DEAD

Hove, Apr. 14. The death of Sir Arthur Cuningham Grant Duff, 87, former British Minister to Sweden, was announced today. He died on Sunday following a heart attack.—Associated Press.

TROUBLE IN SUDAN

Khartoum, Apr. 14. More than 50 Sudanese and police were hurt here today when police used tear gas bombs and truncheons to break up a large crowd of demonstrators outside the Governor's building. They were protesting against a sentence of 15 days gaol and a £5 fine on the Chairman of the "Workers' Affairs Association," Soliman Moussa, for disturbing the peace by instigating a railwaymen's strike.—Reuter.

PAYLIGHT SAVING FOR JAPAN

Tokyo, Apr. 15. Daylight saving time will be instituted in Japan for the first time beginning on May 3 and lasting until Sept. 11, the Japanese Government announced today. The object is to promote working efficiency and to make full use of daylight, it was stated. Experts believe that the 10-month daylight saving campaign will result in a saving of three months' power supply for the country.—Reuter.

The Weather

An anticyclone over the Atlantic has brought a week of rain over the British Isles. The rain has been accompanied by strong winds from the west, and has caused some damage to crops and buildings. The weather is expected to continue to be unsettled for some time. In the United States, a high pressure system is moving across the country, bringing drier weather. In the Middle East, the weather is generally clear and warm. In the Far East, the weather is variable, with some rain in the south and clear weather in the north.

DAIRY FARM RECORD TURNOVER: TWO MILLION DOLLARS PROFIT

Another record turnover, though with a decrease of some \$300,000 in the profit of working account, was announced at the annual ordinary meeting of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd. yesterday.

In his speech the Chairman, Mr. N. O. C. Marsh, said that the lease on some of the company's land at Pokfulam would not be renewed when it expires in a few years and that two possible alternative sites had been found.

Mr. Marsh said: "At our last annual meeting a record turnover was reported. That figure was exceeded in 1947. Despite the increase in turnover the profit on working account shows a decrease of approximately \$300,000, due to lower operating margins in all branches of the Company's business.

"Capital outlay this year has been heavy, amounting to \$1,240,000 on leasehold land and buildings, plant, machinery, harbour craft, vehicles and furnishings.

"Cattle account has been increased by \$104,220 representing the cost of 61 imports, plus the rearing of young stock, less animals withdrawn from the herd by sale or death. Expenditure on stock will be very much greater this year. We will be landing in the next day or two 107 head of pedigree cows and bulls from Canada at a cost of \$300,000. A further 30 head are in shipment from Australia by the s.s. 'Nankin'.

"The commitment of \$925,000 for building contracts and for the purchase of plants does not cover estimated capital expenditure for 1948; it merely represents the extent to which we were committed under contract at December 31, 1947, and does not include the main capital project, the cold storage extension at East Point. Rehabilitating the company's plant and buildings is being borne out of current profits.

"Your directors have granted a bonus equivalent to one month's salary and amounting in total to \$32,000 to those members of the staff who did not receive a China New Year bonus.

"The amount available in the profit and loss appropriation account is \$2,435,008 including \$126,744 brought forward from last year's account. Your Directors recommend that that amount be dealt with as follows:

Pay a Dividend of \$2.50 per share free of tax on 293,335 shares	\$733,337
Pay a Bonus of \$1.50 per share free of tax on 293,335 shares	440,003
Make provision for Taxation and Contingencies	550,000
Transfer to Chinese Staff Superannuation Account	30,000
Transfer to Reserve	75
Transfer to General Reserve	500,000
Carry Forward to the next account	181,593
	\$2,435,008

Profits Tax

"With regard to taxation and contingencies I would say that the \$650,000 appropriated last year was for the purpose of taking care of corporation profits tax, property tax and the possibility of our being called upon to pay interest on our overdrawn bank account December 25, 1947. So far the sum appropriated has been reduced by \$305 only in respect of property tax payments. We expect, however, the final details of the 1947/48 assessment for corporation profits tax which is based on our profits for the previous year to be agreed shortly with the Inland Revenue Department.

"The sum of \$650,000 appropriated last year remains virtually intact but must be so retained until we know exactly how much we shall have to pay in respect of the charges for which that sum was appropriated. During the year the balance at blocked account appearing in our last balance sheet and representing the amount of the company's bank overdraft at December 25, 1947, was repaid.

"The fresh appropriation of \$550,000 made in the accounts under review is intended to cover our estimated liability for corporation profits tax on our profits for the year 1947 and leave a surplus available for a matter which was under consideration by the directors at the outbreak of the Pacific War—the question of placing the Staff Provident Fund and the Chinese Staff Superannuation Fund on a more satisfactory basis and of formulating some form of Superannuation Scheme for the benefit of the local non-Chinese Staff.

"General reserve, to which it is proposed to transfer \$500,000, is linked with a matter which has engaged the earnest attention of your board and management since reoccupation of the Colony. The matter is one affecting the Company's leased lands at Pokfulam.

"As the leases on lands designated as Dairy Farm Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 are due to expire at the end of 1958 it was considered desirable to ascertain Government's intentions in the matter of renewing these leases. Government has definitely stated that the leases will not be renewed. The selection of an alternative site has led your manager and farm technicians all over the New Territories and following an exhaustive survey the views of Government in regard to two possible sites have been sought—but so far no reply has been received.

Lease Dates

"In addition to Dairy Farm Lots 1 and 4 the company has two further lots on lease at Pokfulam, these are Farm Lot No. 71 of 9.05 acres and R.L. No. 321 of 12.25 acres. In the first case the lease expires in 1952 and in the second in 2005.

"The response to the offer of new shares in the company has been very satisfactory. Share certificates in respect of that issue are now being prepared and allotment letters will be sent to interested shareholders as soon as possible. Those shareholders who have not yet done so, should produce their certificates to the company for verification. Dividend warrants will be issued to them after their certificates have been verified. The number of certificates not yet produced is represented by the small figure of 1.0% of the total shares issued.

Health Reasons

Baghdad, Apr. 14. Arshad Umari, Minister of Defence, and Mohammed Al Habib, Minister without Portfolio, have resigned for health reasons, press reports stated today.

It was not known whether the resignations have been accepted.—Reuter.

"In current assets the items of stock and sundry debts show a considerable increase over the corresponding figures for the previous year. As regards the first of these, the lifting of import restrictions on certain commodities has made it necessary for the company to carry additional stocks on its own account.

"Since the closing of the Company's books the balance of our claims in respect of stocks requisitioned in 1941 has been paid.

Reparations

"During the year the amount due from Government and H.M. Services was crystallised resulting in a further charge to war losses, this was offset by amounts received from customers resulting in a further net debit to war losses account of \$75 and bringing the balance of the account to \$2,470,801. The corresponding provision has been increased accordingly. Your directors feel justified in carrying forward the balance on war losses account until such time as there is some pronouncement regarding reparation claims.

"During the year under review the following branches and establishments were rehabilitated and re-opened—Peak Branch, Kowloon Branches at 64 Nathan Road, Tin Kau Road House, Gloucester Lounge, Kik Tak Buffet, Soda Fountain Restaurants at Salisbury Road and Pokfulam, Kiosks (2) at Repulse Bay.

"The ground floor of the new Telephone Co. building in Kowloon will be rented to this company and the arrangements are practically completed. This is a sound move since it will provide greatly improved shopping facilities to Kowloon residents.

"Our latest development is at Shek-O where an area of land has been rented and on which a sectional wooden hut 70' x 20' has been erected. This will provide an amenity hitherto lacking at Shek-O and help to popularize the beaches there to an even greater extent.

"In accordance with the adoption of the report and accounts Mr. D.L. Strellett said: "It is significant of the desire of the Company to meet demands and act in a spirit of public service that the work is in fact lower this year, in spite of an increase in turnover, as a result of a policy of reducing capital profit margins wherever possible.

"The capital has been increased considerably and the programme of expansion for which this capital has been secured is impressive.

"The board appears to have been in no difficulty in providing for the building schemes, the increase and replenishment of pedigree stock as well as the important project of cold storage extension, all of which represent some of the earlier plans envisaged by the Company in the course of its rehabilitation.

"The company further appears to be well secured by appropriations for profit tax and contingencies and we note that ample margins have been left where liabilities still await to be established by assessment or legislation.

Mr. Strellett referred to the proposal to reserve any surplus of the appropriation for estimated Corporation Tax towards the establishment of the staff Provident Fund and the Chinese Staff Superannuation Fund as a level which will give the Company's staff that sense of security which I am sure we all feel they have amply earned."

He said: "I have the impression that no organisation in this Colony can claim to receive a higher standard of service, enthusiasm and loyalty from its staff than this company. We expect in due course to hear what schemes have been evolved for their benefit."

Ubiquitous
"Provision is widely being made at an early date to meet the situation which will arise through the possibility of the Company being dispossessed of its almost traditional sites on the southern slopes of the island. Although it may still be several years before a new situation will have to be provided for, it is not too early for both financial and technical questions to be explored.

"We welcome the extension of the Company's catering and retail business, and, in regard to the former, it may well be that, with in measurable distance of time, the facilities afforded by this company and the standards of catering which it has established will become ubiquitous throughout the Colony and, possibly, further abroad."

Supporting the chairman were Dr. the Hon. S.N. Chau, Mr. P.S. Cassidy, Mr. R. Gordon, Mr. R.K. Valentine (directors), Mr. J.D. Thompson (Manager) and Mr. G. Milne (Secretary). Among the shareholders present were Miss M. J. de Figueiredo, Major C.W.L. Way Messrs. P. Loureiro, D.L. Stettin, S. H. Rous, S. M. Churn, N. V. A. Croucher, L. C. S. Abraham, C.L. Gregory, M. Nemzeze, A. Tse and C.L. Stapleton.

Unlicensed Food Factory

For keeping a food factory in a hut on Third Street, without a licence, Lam Kun, 28, was sentenced to three months by Mr. d'Almeida at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Inspector Brownrigg stated that defendant had been warned twice against operating the shop without a licence, but did not heed the warning.

Sentencing defendant, his Worship said that the health authorities here were trying to keep the disease figures down and it was people like defendant who were doing these things to spread infection.

AMMUNITION

Amongst the belongings of the late J.F. McGowan were 19 rounds of 42 ammunition and 20 rounds of 7.65 ammunition, which were found by R.A. Edwards, Steward of the Medical Department. An order of confiscation of the ammunition was applied for by Sub-Inspector Howarth at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

It was believed that they were dug up in the Kowloon Hospital grounds in 1946 by Mr. McGowan.

KING AND QUEEN TO BROADCAST

London, Apr. 14. The King and Queen will each broadcast to the nation on April 26, their Silver Wedding anniversary, it was announced tonight from Buckingham Palace.—Reuter.

Colonial Office's Denial Of Charge

The Palestine Commission's charges at Lake Success last night that Britain had shown a lack of co-operation over the Palestine issue were today categorically repudiated by a Colonial Office spokesman.

The charges, made in the Commission's report to the United Nations General Assembly, have aroused strong resentment in high Government quarters in London.

The Colonial Office spokesman's replies today to the individual charges were: That Britain had refused to admit the Commission into Palestine before May 1—the spokesman said Britain had often declared that the arrival of the Commission would be the signal for fresh disorders.

That Britain had refused a two-pronged transfer of power—two

Munitions Ship Mystery

Rome, Apr. 14. The police today announced that the munitions ship Lino which was sunk by a time-bomb in the port of Bari on April 10 with a cargo of guns and ammunition, had been scheduled to dock at the small island of Lipari, where an alleged Communist plot was under way to seize the island.

The police claimed the plot was nipped with the arrest of the self-styled Russian aviation colonel, Isaac Fegman, who had been living on the island. He had several million lire, which he claimed was money for a revolution.

The police claimed several letters from Fegman being sent to Austrian via Italian Communist channels asking more arms, had been intercepted.

The police, who take orders from the bitterly anti-Communist Government, said in their report on Fegman: "Despite his claim that he is working for the Jewish organization Irgun Zvai Leumi, he is suspected of being a Russian secret agent for the Communists."

According to officials, Fegman was once an inmate in an Italian concentration camp.—United Press.

Trouble Elsewhere

Damascus, Apr. 14. A Syrian Government official said today that 8,000 rifles and 6,000,000 rounds of ammunition en route from Czechoslovakia to Syria were lost on the explosion of the arms ship at Bari, Italy.

The official said the arms were the second shipment from Czechoslovakia.

The loss referred to was apparently that which occurred on the 400-ton motor vessel "Lino," under arrest there since April 3.

A police communiqué said it had on board 8,000 rifles and 6,000,000 rounds of ammunition "destined for a Middle East country." The rifles had been manufactured in Yugoslavia and the ammunition in Czechoslovakia. The cargo was loaded at Flume.

Street Appeal Tomorrow

Volunteer flower sellers will be on the streets of Hong Kong and Kowloon tomorrow, to raise funds in the final phase of the Salvation Army's Annual Appeal for 1948.

Already the response from business firms and others has been very good but the response on Saturday will need to be equally good if the target for 1948 is to be reached.

The entire proceeds of the Appeals are to be used for the general maintenance of the Salvation Army in Hong Kong, its social services and general activities, so well known to the people here.

The Appeal will be closed down after the Flower Day and donors wishing to make direct contributions apart from this effort, are asked to send in to The Salvation Army Headquarters, Union Building, making their cheques payable to The Salvation Army.

H.K.V.D.C. Orders

Orders by Colonel L. T. Ride, C.B.E., Commander, H.K.V.D.C. Corps. Order No. 11/48 dated Apr. 15, 1948.

First Exercise. Through the courtesy of the Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, members of the H.K.V.D.C. may on occasions be permitted to watch Fleet exercises from on board H.M. Ships. All Volunteers who are interested in attending Fleet exercises in future should send in their names and telephone numbers to the Adjutant without delay. A copy of the Fleet's weekly programme will be posted on the notice board at Corps headquarters on the Saturday of each week, and will be available for inspection by all members of the Corps.

Historical Committee. The first meeting of the Historical Committee will be held under the chairmanship of Major E. G. Stewart, DSO, ED at 1710 hours on Thursday, Apr. 22 at Corps H.Q. All members of the Committee are requested to attend.

King's Birthday Parade. Should there be a King's Birthday parade Volunteers who would like to parade with the H.K.V.D.C. contingent are asked to submit their names to the Adjutant without delay. Training parades will be held on three evenings each week, and Volunteers who wish to represent the Corps will be expected to attend all parades.

Part 2 Orders No. 12/48. Strengthening of the H.K.V.D.C. Contingent. Part 2 Orders No. 12/48. Strengthening of the H.K.V.D.C. Contingent. Part 2 Orders No. 12/48. Strengthening of the H.K.V.D.C. Contingent.

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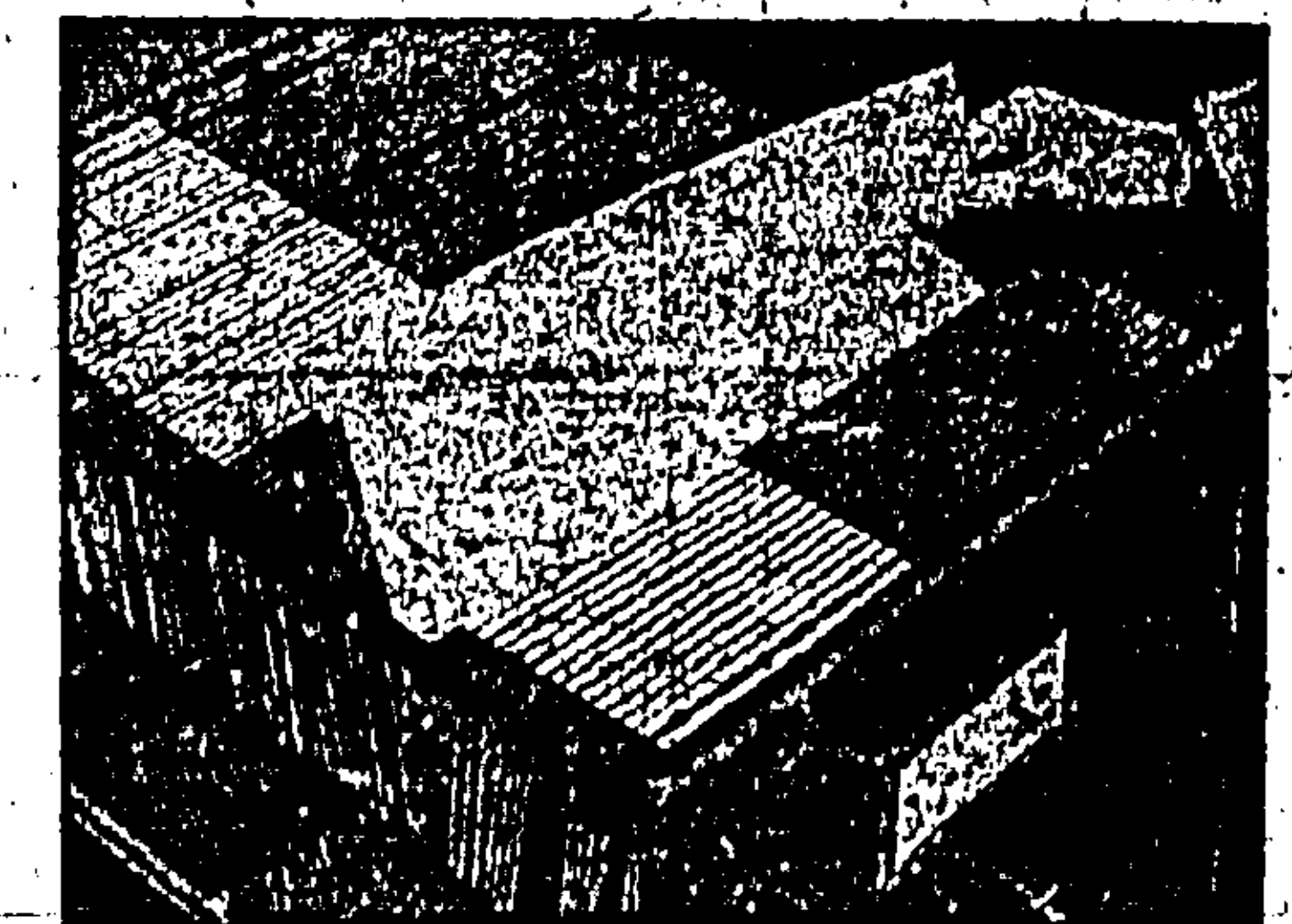
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Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an Extraordinary General
Meeting of the Members of this
Company will be held at the
Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder
Street, Hong Kong, on Wednes-
day, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15
p.m., or at such time as the
Ordinary Annual Meeting of
Members to be held at the same
place at Noon shall terminate,
and for the purpose of considering
and, if thought fit, passing the
following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of
Association produced to the
Meeting and for the purpose
of identification subscribed
by David Fortune Landale,
Chairman of the Company
and of the Meeting, be
adopted as the Articles of
Association of the Company
in substitution for and to the
exclusion of all existing
Articles of Association of the
Company."

A copy of the Proposed New
Articles can be inspected by
any Shareholder at the Offices
of the Company during the
usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice To Shareholders

ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Fifty-Seventh Ordinary
Annual Meeting of the Members
of the Company will be held at
the Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder
Street, Hong Kong, on Wednes-
day, 28th April, 1948, at Noon,
to receive and consider the
Report of the Board of Direc-
tors and Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947, to elect Directors and
to appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the
Register of Members and
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from 15th April,
1948, to 28th April, 1948, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
C. E. Terry,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

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FLANNEL DANCES,
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ERS will be held in the Board
Room of the Company, Room
No. 308, Queen's Building,
Hong Kong, on Tuesday the
27th April, 1948, at noon for
the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider
the Statement of Accounts
and Balance Sheet and the
Report of the Directors
and Auditors thereon.
2. To elect Directors.
3. To appoint Auditors and
fix their remuneration.
4. To transact any other or-
dinary business of the
Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY
GIVEN that the TRANSFER
BOOKS of the COMPANY
will be closed from the 16th
April 1948 to the 27th April
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors.

R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong.

NOTICE IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF
JOHN ROSS late of
Victoria in the Colony
of Hongkong, Gentle-
man, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probates
Ordinance 1897, made an
Order limiting the time for
creditors and others to send in
their claims against the above
estate to the 12th day of May,
1948.

ALL creditors and others
are accordingly hereby requir-
ed to send their claims to the
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Menzies Formula For Settlement

Canberra, Apr. 14.

A settlement of the Russian problem must be sought
outside the United Nations, declared Mr.
Robert Menzies, the Australian Opposition
leader, during Parliament's resumed debate
here today on foreign policy.

"The Soviet Union will continue to prevent peace
settlements while the Soviet-American conflict
remains unresolved," he said.

"If race tension and mutual
hostility continue, it is inevi-
table that the Soviet Union will
believe it will pay her to have
a disorganised Germany, a
divided France, and a disturb-
ed Italy," he said.

"Therefore, it is a waste of
time arguing about the veto in
the Charter while the real veto
is the Russian attitude to a
settlement."

"I believe that the Soviet Union
since the war has been guilty of
undoubted acts of territorial ide-
ological aggression aimed at the
domination of Europe."

Plan Of Action

"If this view is wrong, the
Soviet Union can easily correct
it by restoring self-government
in the countries where it has
been destroyed."

Mr. Menzies said: Soviet aggres-
sion could be met by armed re-
sistance or the threat of armed
resistance as a last resort, or by
a long patient discussion designed
to break down prejudice.

He urged a three-point plan of
action "without a moment to
lose."

His points were:
1.—Strengthen the economy of
the Western democratic nations.
2.—Restore the power and pros-
perity of Britain.

Urgent Matter

3.—Intensify the defensive co-
operation between the United
States, the British Empire and
other democratic nations.

M. Menzies said it was impos-
sible to achieve world stability
while the peace settlement was
unresolved.

"The Japanese peace settlement
is equally a matter of urgency.
It is doubtful whether a military
dictatorship is the best teacher
of democracy in Japan."—Reuter.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE ORDERS

—Orders by Comm. A. J. Arcull, Com-
missioner St. J.A.B. Hong Kong Dis-
trict, Order No. 12/48 dated 16th April
1948.

PARADES:
HONG KONG:—Central Div. North-
cote Training College Saturday 17th,
April 7.30 p.m.
8th New Div. 6th Nam College Satur-
day 17th, 7.30 p.m.

Shaukiwan Div. Taikeo Chinese School
Saturday 17th, 8 p.m.
ANNUAL INSPECTION PRACTISE
PARADES:

The final practise parade for the An-
nual Inspection will be held on Sunday
16th April at 10 a.m. at the S.C.A.A.
ground.

All Officers and O.L.'s will be in at-
tendance at 9.45 a.m.
The band will parade at this prac-
tice.

AMBULANCE DUTIES H.K.
April 16th to April 23rd, Eastern Divi-
sion.

April 24th to April 30th Motor Trans-
port Division.

AMBULANCE DUTIES KOWLOON:
April 16th to April 25th Kowloon
Y.M.C.A. Division.

April 26th to May 2nd Mongkok Divi-
sion.

NOTICES:
The Commissioner will be in at-
tendance at Brigade H.Q. each Wednesday
for the purpose of interviews.

The Clothing Store will be open on
Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st for
final issues of Clothing and Shoes be-
fore the Annual Inspection. Div. Sup'ts.
will ensure that their men are acquainted
with this order.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:
—H.K. Govt. Gazette, No. 323: It is
notified that Dist. Officer, J.B. Trevor
M.C. has been appointed Asst. Com-
missioner H.K. District w.e.f. 9.12.47.

A/O Paul Chak to be Asst. Div. Supt.
w.e.f. 5.3.48.

Mr. A.K. Anderson to be A/O China
Motor Bus Div. w.e.f. 5.3.48.

Sgt. Cheung Kwok Hing promoted A/O
w.e.f. 22.3.48.

Dr. Hilda F.K. Chan to be Div. Sur-
geon Tinsuiwai w.e.f. 3.10.47.

Dr. Cheung Hon Kwan to be Div.
Surgeon Shamshuipo w.e.f. 18.3.48.
(Sgt.) R.A. EDWARDS,
Corps Officer.

REDS IN FULL CONTROL

Bucharest, Apr. 14.
All Rumanian economic minis-
tries are today in the hands of
the Communists following last
night's re-shuffle of the Cabinet,
and the re-election of Dr. Petru
Groza as Premier.

The Communists took over the
posts of Mines, Agriculture,
Forest and Industry.—Reuter.

JOHN LEWIS ON TRIAL

Washington, Apr. 14.

Mr. John L. Lewis, Presi-
dent of the United Mine-
workers of America, went on
trial here today on a charge
of contempt of court for not
obeying a court order to call
off the recent four-weeks
strike of 400,000 coal miners.

Mr. Lewis pleaded not
guilty through an attorney,
who also entered this plea
for the United Mineworkers
on a similar charge.

Federal Judge T. Alan
Goldborough refused the
plea of Mr. Lewis' lawyers to
reject the charges.—Reuter.

So That's What We Are Doing!

London, Apr. 14.

The British Labour Govern-
ment is today waging a "general
offensive" on the standard of
living of the people in Britain.
Tass asserted today according
to the Soviet monitor in London.

The news agency, quoting an
article in the Soviet journal
"Bolshevik," said that the right
wing Labour Government has
planned increases in unemploy-
ment; is pegging wages and is
cutting the already meagre food
rations.

"At the same time," Tass con-
tinued, "the heavy burden of in-
credibly inflated Army expendi-
tures is being thrown on to the
people."

The article said that "the Brit-
ish right wing Labourites" are
trying to "split the ranks of the
international working class to
bring about the disintegration of
the camp of Democracy."

"The whole economic policy of
the Labour Government is to fob
off the masses with fiction re-
forms," the article added.—Asso-
ciated Press.

Russians Oblige

Berlin, Apr. 14.

General Alexander Kotikov,
Soviet Commandant of Berlin,
today informed the four-power
Kommandatura that he had
issued order for the immediate
clearance of the backlog of
mail about which complaints
were made at yesterday's 11-
hour Kommandatura meeting.

British sources said tonight
that there has been a noticeable
improvement in the movement of
German civilian freight, which
was again moving at normal
speed.

A British spokesman disclosed
tonight the Russians withdrew
their representatives from a team
of four-power supervisors at the
Reichdrucker, the German
banknote printing plant, after
Marshal Sokolovsky's walk-out
from the Control Council on
March 20.

The body was charged with
supervising the preparatory work
of printing all new banknotes.—
Reuter.

NO BREAK WITH SOVIET

Bogota, Apr. 14.

Dr. Eduardo Zuleta-Angel, the
Colombian Foreign Minister, de-
clared here today that Colombia
had broken off diplomatic rela-
tions with the Soviet Union.

"We have taken no definite
action yet," he said, declaring
that the radio report of the
"breach" on Sunday was "pre-
mature."

He offered no explanation for
the report, which followed the
charge that Communists had in-
spired and led the week-end re-
volt.—Reuter.



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ITALIAN ELECTION FEVER

Police Show Of Force In North Italy

Country Combed For Arms

Rome, Apr. 14.

Armoured police cars were out in force tonight in the great north Italian port of Genoa, where Signor Pietro Nenni, the Socialist left wing leader, was to give an election address in the main square. It was the strongest police display yet seen in the city.

With only three days to go before Italy's first general election for 25 years, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, the Prime Minister and Christian Democrat leader, said tonight that his election campaign was going "very well."

"Everywhere, I have found great enthusiasm," he added before leaving for another big Christian Democrat rally at Palermo, Sicily.

Christian Democrats in Sicily were preparing a great reception for their leader as the anti-Communist campaign was stepped up.

The police today unearthed more concealed arms dumps in their country-wide comb-out for secret arms before Sunday's voting takes place.

They have arrested 12 people in the past two days, including a

woman who had an arms dump in her garden near Varese, in Northern Italy.

Arms Caches

The police found a heavy machine-gun, four light machine-guns, three other automatic weapons, several rifles, many hand grenades and a quantity of ammunition at Varese, Rome Radio reported.

Carnabini (State gendarmes) found rifles and automatic weapons, 2,000 cartridges, many hand grenades and 80 pounds of explosives in the province of Ferrara.

Four trench mortars, several machine-guns, and 50,000 machine-gun cartridges were among the arms unearthed in the province of Pistoia, where a man was today sentenced to 16 months imprisonment for being in possession of a flame-thrower, Rome Radio added.

The police confiscated nearly 500 machine-guns, 4,500 rifles and more than half a million rounds of ammunition in the past three months of this year, it was announced in Rome today.

Final Phase

The electoral preparations will reach their climax in the next two days, with speeches by Signor de Gasperi in Sicily and Naples, and mass Communist meetings in Rome, Naples and Milan.

The final phase of electoral organisation will begin tomorrow with the distribution of 75 million voting slips in the country's 42,000 electoral centres.

The delivery of these slips to town and provincial authorities was completed last night, party emblems being duly printed on the slips for the benefit of the illiterate.

Early million slips are for the election of deputies and 35 million for Senators.

Final Results

Election propaganda will officially end at midnight on Friday. Polling booth will open at 6.00 a.m. on Sunday, and votes can be registered until 2.00 p.m. Monday.

The first results will begin to come in on Monday evening, but the Ministry of the Interior will not publish any official figures until Tuesday evening. The final results of the elections to the Chamber will be announced on Wednesday—a week today.

The results of the more complicated Senate elections may be even later.—Reuter.

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By Shepard Barclay

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EITHER REASON ENOUGH
THERE ARE two good reasons for not leading the fourth-best of long suit against a No Trump game contract, when able to make a sound lead of an honour. Advanced players practically always lead an honour if their suit is topped by three cards as high as the nine or higher, with at least two of the "touching." The top of the touchers is led, except when they include the ace and king, when the king is chosen. Violation of this procedure keeps your partner from reading your holding and also may present the declarer a gift of a cheap trick. Either of these is enough reason to lead the honor.

SA J 10 3
H J 9 8
DA 8 3
CK 7 2

N
W E
S

SK 7 5 2
HK 6 5
DK 10 7 4
CK 8 3

Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.

West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	2 H	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 H	Pass
3 NT			

Pretty bold bidding, that, by West, in view of the stronger No Trumps usually favoured nowadays by most good players. Especially bold was his third bid of game in No Trumps after East's 3-Heart rebid, which, usually, is considered an effort to sign off. His reason for doing it was that he considered his opponents weak defensive players, who might

present him a trick or more in the play and therefore were "worth at least an extra ace or so to me," as he explained.

North justified West's confidence in his friendliness by leading his fourth-best club 6 when he could soundly have led the J. The 9 got that first trick, and the spade 10 was finessed to the Q. North laid down his club A, then knocked out West's K. The heart J was finessed to the K. South, with no more clubs, returned his diamond 4. The A took it, four hearts were run and the spade J finessed enabled West to get the other two tricks he needed for his game.

Notice that the club J led by North would beat West. If West won with the Q in dummy, North need only switch to his heart Q next time to kill that suit. If West won the opener with his club K, the result would be just as bad. And if West held up on the first trick, he still would be licked.

Tomorrow's Problem

S Q J 10 8 5 4 3
H Q
D K J 8 4
C 5

S 2
H A J 10
D 10 8 5 4
C A J 8 3

N
W E
S

S 8 7
H 9 7 6 2
D A 9 7
C K 8

Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.

What bidding would you favour on this deal, with four star players trying?

RED PLANES OVER ALASKA

Waterville, Maine, Apr. 14.

Representative Margaret Smith, Republican of Maine, said here last night that Russian jet planes "have violated Alaskan skies."

The people have not been told that the Russian press and radio speak of Alaska as part of Russia and that jet planes have violated Alaskan skies," she said.—Reuter.

Haganah Breaks Up Peace Movement

Jerusalem, Apr. 14.

Peace demonstrations by Jerusalem's Orthodox Jews were broken up by Haganah rifle butts today, according to a statement issued by the City's Orthodox Jewry.

A procession of several thousand Orthodox Jews, opposed to political Zionism, which they say is "leading Jews to great misfortunes," marched through the streets of the Jewish quarter with banners demanding peace and a "cease fire" and asking the Government to deliver them from the "terrible crisis."

Haganah troops tore down the banners and beat the demonstrators. Later, a larger Haganah force arrived, fired their guns in the air and also beat up the demonstrators "without mercy, using their rifle butts."—Reuter.

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ZHW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 445 kilocycles from 12.15 to 2 p.m. and from 6 to 11 p.m., and also on 9.22 megacycles in the 21 metre band from 12.15 to 1.30 p.m. 6.30 to 7.30 and 9 to 11 p.m.

12.15 p.m.—Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father Gallagher, S.J.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—Light Varieties.
1.00 p.m.—Maurice Hurman and His Stars Melody (H.C.T.S.).
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—"The Night Stand" with the Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (O.R.E.).

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.05 p.m.—Children's Half Hour.
6.10 p.m.—"All Sing"—Songs for Boys and Girls Introduced by Donald Fraser (Studio).
6.30 p.m.—"Night Stand" Presented by Philip Burn (Studio).
7.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
7.15 p.m.—"You Asked For It" Variety. Local Programme presented by Lynn Fraser.
7.45 p.m.—Rawlins and Landauer on Two Pianos.
8.30 p.m.—Popular Classics.
9.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
9.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.18 p.m.—Drains Trust (H.C.T.S.).
10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
10.15 p.m.—Verdi's Opera "Aida" Act 2. Principals, Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala Opera, Milan.
10.40 p.m.—Close Down.

U.N. Plan For Truce Mission

New York, Apr. 14.

A draft resolution calling for the creation of a special on-the-spot commission to supervise a truce between the Arabs and Jews in Palestine was drawn up today at an informal and closed conference of the Security Council members.

A paragraph on the composition of the commission was left open for further consideration.

Mr. Warren Austin (United States) suggested that the precedent of the Indonesia cease-fire formula should be followed and that members of the Security Council, who have consular officers on the spot, should be appointed to the truce commission.

The countries mentioned were the United States, Britain, France, Belgium and Syria.

It was understood that M. Andrei Gromyko (Russia) suggested the whole matter should be "discussed in the open," and proposed that the entire problem should be thrashed out in a public meeting of the Security Council.

The draft resolution will be discussed at a meeting of the Security Council at Lake Success tomorrow.—Reuter.

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Assault On Dutch Mission

The Hague, Apr. 14.

The Netherlands are consulting with the Netherlands East Indies Government on whether to recall the Dutch delegation which met with "hostile and insulting demonstrations and assaults" on arrival at Jogjakarta, the Indonesian capital, on Monday.

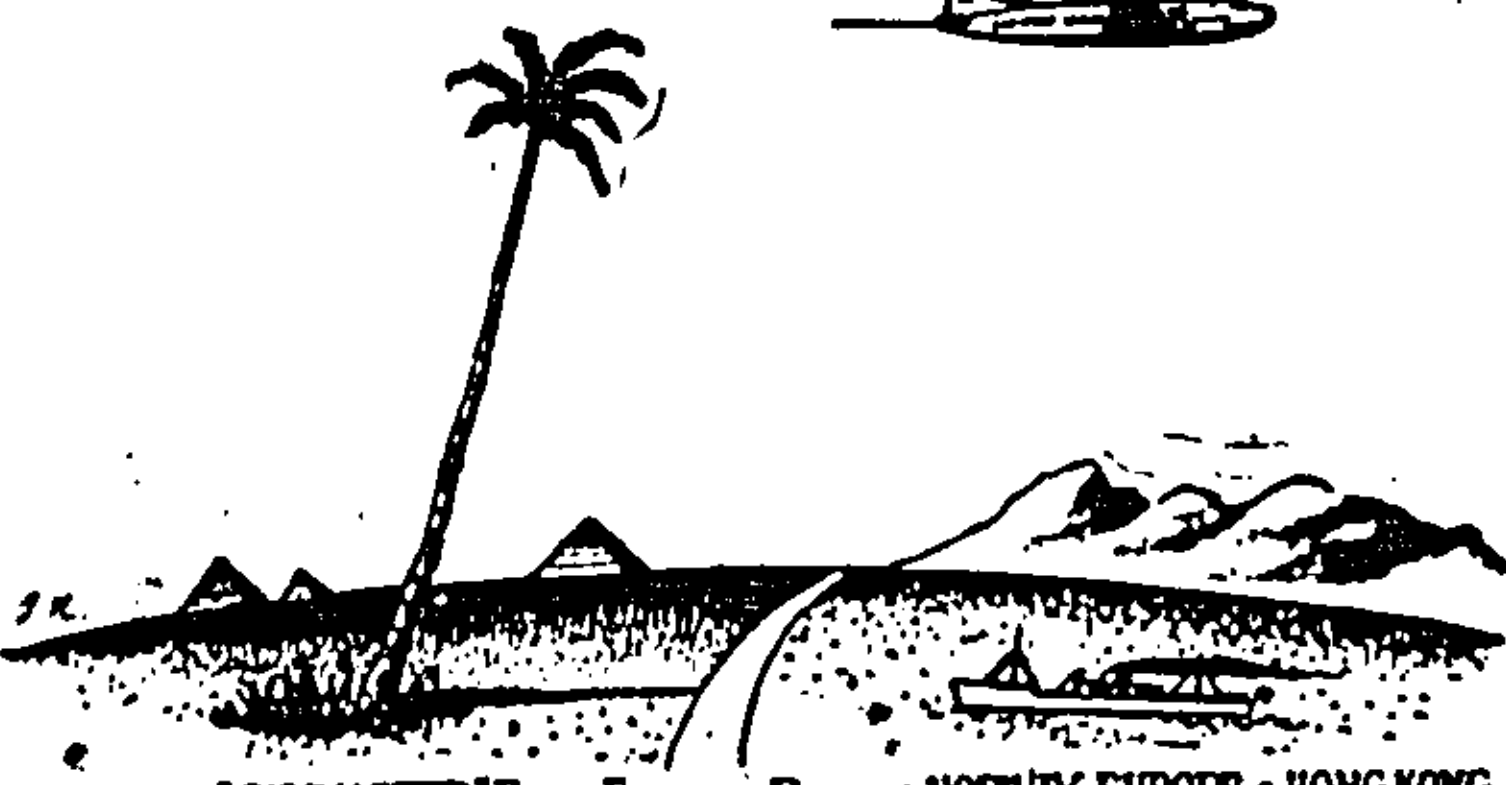
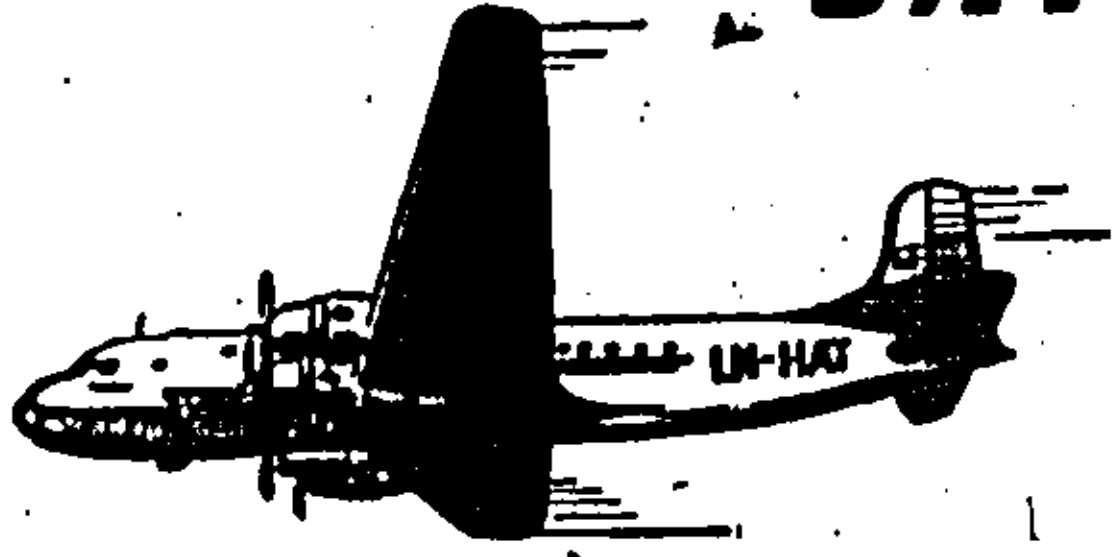
The Netherlands Government, it was officially stated here, completely agreed with the standpoint adopted by the Netherlands East Indies Government towards the demonstrations and treatment of the Dutch delegation.

The Indies Government warned the Indonesian Republicans today that it held them responsible for the safety of the envoys.

The head of the delegation and Deputy Lieutenant Governor General of the Dutch East Indies, Raden Abdul Kadir Wuryadmodjo, was among a number of people said to have been man-handled by a crowd outside the Jogjakarta railway station.

The negotiations, sponsored by the United Nations Good Offices Committee, were postponed after the incident.

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GOVERNMENT WINDING UP Last Days Of Britons In Palestine

Civil Service On The Way Out

Jerusalem, Apr. 14.

The Palestine Government, amid shot and shell of the Jew and Arab civil war, today began the end of its almost 26 years rule in the Holy Land. The first department to go was the motor traffic. Before noon it had shut up shop and announced that there would be no more licensing of motor cars or drivers. The Post Office Department will begin closing its rural offices tomorrow and expects to close its main city post office on May 5.

It was announced, however, that it is hoped to continue the air mail and telegraph service until Britain drops the mandate officially on May 15.

A British source said tonight that by the end of this month only 40 British civil servants will remain in the Holy City administering government departments, once staffed by 500 to 600 Britons.

Meanwhile another convoy of British civil servants with their wives and children left Jerusalem today for Haifa and embarkation to Britain. Thursday was originally the deadline for the evacuation of the British families.

Slow Collapse

Because one convoy was recently turned back at Jenin by a battle along the highway, there may be one or more convoys of civilians leaving the Holy City next week instead of this week, a British source said.

The first formal closing of the Government departments follows the essential services. At times mail, electricity and water supplies failed in Jerusalem and other places.

Police and military officials said that in recent weeks "our first concern was getting Britons safely home."

Tax Evasion

In the confusion and chaos of the mandate's end, tax collections fell to less than one per cent of normal, one official said.

Most residents "neglected" to pay fees for the Government operated services, he added. Through Palestine today deaths of 10 Arabs and four Jews brought the toll since Nov. 29 to 2,852.—Associated Press.

Truman Lacks The Master-Touch

Los Angeles, Apr. 14.

Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Senator J. Howard McGrath, said today that President Truman was trying to do what he believes Franklin D. Roosevelt is directing from heaven but he implied that communications sometimes are not too good.

He told party leaders at a dinner that Truman "lacks the deftness of a master hand" as Roosevelt was a type that "God gives to the people only once in a while."

McGrath added: "Harry Truman's heart is just as sincere and his purposes fought for just as courageously. Can we ask for more than this in leadership?"

The crowd responded, apparently spontaneously, "yes, yes."

McGrath replied: "You have a right to bring this about if you think you are serving your country best."

Earlier, James Roosevelt, who had refused to join his brothers

TREATY OF PEACE?

Moscow, Apr. 14.

The Soviet treaty with Finland is a peace factor on the Scandinavian peninsula, the Soviet periodical, New Times, declared today.

In signing the pact, the Finns displayed the independence of their foreign policy, which is now absolutely clear to everyone, the article declared.

The pact knocked the weapons out of the hands of those warmongers in Norway, Sweden and Denmark who tried to spread the palpable lie that here was a threat to the Scandinavian countries from the Soviet Union, the paper said.—Reuter.

Germany Asks For Help

Frankfurt, Apr. 14.

Germany today asked the Western powers for £490 million for bilateral aid under the European recovery programme—more than 30 per cent of the total \$5,300 million (£1,325 million) allocated by the American Congress for the 16 nations taking part in the Marshall Plan.

The German request was contained in the final German draft for bilateral aid presented to the British and American Military Governors by German bipartite officials.

It was understood that the Germans had urged the commanders to increase by £750,000 the £237,500,000 requests for food, seed and fertiliser. They said the increased food allocation figure was due to rises in prices.

General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor, said tonight, after a meeting with the British and French Governors, General Sir Brian Robertson and General Pierre Koenig, that the future of the three Western Zones was not discussed.

The three Governors spent most of the meeting discussing the statements the French and British generals will make tomorrow at the Marshall Plan Conference in Paris.—Reuter.

P.I. COINS RETURN

San Francisco, Apr. 15.

Thousands of boxes of coins for the Philippine Government, locked up here during the war, are being loaded on freighters this week for the voyage to Manila.

The first shipload left last week. Three other ships will carry the rest of the 150,000,000 coins, worth 5,000,000 Pesos or US\$2,500,000 in American money.

The coins were minted in Denver and San Francisco before the war, but the outbreak of hostilities interrupted their delivery. Truck after truck, each loaded with 300 boxes of coins and two private detectives, are taking the coins to the docks. There, other detectives make sure every box goes on board.

Some 20,000 boxes weighing about 75 pounds each are involved in the shipment.—Associated Press.

Midnight Fight In Punishment Cell

Hamburg, Apr. 14.

Two sergeants entered his punishment cell at the Bad Nenndorf camp in the middle of night and forced him to take part in a boxing match with one of them.

This was the complaint made by Dieter Albrecht, one of the former German internees at the

camp when he gave evidence today at the resumed trial of Captain Stuart Smith, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, who is charged with manslaughter and criminal negligence.

Albrecht declared he was "brutally ill-treated" by the guards, made to focus for hours, deprived of his trousers for days, and had cold water poured over him.

Albrecht, a pale, fair-haired youth, was stated to have been in the punishment cell from Dec. 10 to Dec. 17, 1946, and one of the charges against Smith was that he failed to have Albrecht removed from the cell owing to his physical condition.

Albrecht told the court that during this period, Captain Smith visited him four times but he did not tell the Captain about these brutalities. "We never got an opportunity of saying anything," he declared.

On one occasion, however, speaking in English, he did say to Captain Smith: "You are not a doctor for people but a doctor for pigs and horses." Albrecht said he asked in German that he was a human being and ought to be treated as such.

Albrecht said that one day, when Captain Smith came to see him, he was lying in one-and-a-half inches of water on the floor of his punishment cell. Mr. R. C. Slade, K.C., for the defence, said the defence was not disputing Albrecht's story of ill-treatment but only disputing that Dr. Smith knew anything about it.—Reuter.

General Asks For Big Army

Washington, Apr. 14.

General Omar Bradley, Army Chief of Staff, asked Congress today to assure a minimum Army strength of 18 divisions.

He told the House Services Committee that the Army's requirements were dictated simply by minimum emergency tasks that would greatly outstrip its ability to perform them should a conflict develop.

General Bradley asked how the 18 requested divisions compared with Russian Army strength, said that, according to intelligence reports, the Russians have over 170 divisions now fully prepared, with a further 95 divisions available in satellite countries.

The Russians could have over 300 divisions in operation in less

Waterloo Freak Crash

London, Apr. 14.

Three goods wagons full of coal and a railway engine crashed 30 feet down a lift shaft in a freak accident at Waterloo Station today.

The engine was backing the three wagons onto the lift where they were to be lowered to the underground railway. The lift floor tipped sideways. The wagons fell down the hole pulling the engine after them.

The fireman and engine driver jumped clear. So did a crew working around the bottom of the shaft. Damage—several hurt. Lift ruined; station filled with smoke.—Associated Press.

Women's Story Of Camp Horrors

Hamburg, Apr. 14.

Witnesses in an all-women war crime trial in Hamburg today told how thousands of Allied women were hustled off to died in gas chambers.

Five women, who are alleged to have done the hustling, are on trial on capital charges. Their alleged victims were exterminated in the gas chamber.

All the prosecution witnesses except one are women. All five pleaded not guilty to charges of selecting women internees for the gas chamber and of ill-treating prisoners.

Opening for the prosecution, E. Roderick Bowen M.P., said "You will be horrified at the depths of degradation to which some of

these women stooped. You will be amazed at the brutalities committed by members of what we usually regard as the gentler sex."

Bowen said the case concerned the selection of women internees for transfer from the main Ravensbrueck camp to an extermination annex.

In that annex over half of the 6,000 women transferred there between January and April 1945 died in the gas chamber.—Associated Press.

War Of Words In Ireland

London, Apr. 14.

Sir Basil Brooke, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, announced tonight that the Government of Northern Ireland is considering sending a representative to the United States to "counter the propaganda of Mr. Eamon de Valera," former Eire Prime Minister, during his recent tour there.

"We are not seriously worried by the campaign which has now reached its peak," Sir Basil said. "Our counter effort is also at its peak."

He foresaw no improvement in the relations between Northern Ireland and Eire until the anti-partitionist ceased their attacks on Northern Ireland. He particularly wanted to point out that while Northern Ireland had welcomed United States troops during the war, Mr. de Valera had resented the fact that these troops landed in Ireland. "Many Americans do not seem to be aware of this fact," Sir Basil added.—Reuter.

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CINEMA WORLD

FILMS OF THE FUTURE

By Egon Larsen

The front page of a Milan newspaper a few weeks ago reads: "Producer and cameraman besieged by enthusiastic crowd; 50 policemen needed to protect British film company."

Until a year or two ago it was not customary for Britain's film industry to work overseas. Every year British studios turned out a small number of films which were up to the highest international level of quality. Generally, their themes were entirely of a national character.

This state of affairs has been changed radically by World War II and post-war conditions. British film workers attached to Britain's Navy, the Army and the Royal Air Force saw other parts of the world and came home with new ideas. But studio space in Britain is scarce and will be so for some time to come. British producers look for locations wherever they can find them. Never before have so many British film companies—producers, cameramen and stars—been seen in every part of the world.

Ambitious Plans

Mr. J. Arthur Rank, Britain's "Film King," who controls, directly or indirectly, most British studios and cinema, recently made public his latest ambitious plans. They include 43 full-length feature films at present either in production or in preparation, to cost a total of £30,000, as well as 80 children's instructional, cultural or documentary films. The whole technique of production is being made a great deal more economical by modern methods, some of which still remain secret, so that three or four films at a time can be produced in studios where

formerly only two or three could be produced simultaneously. This will permit British films to capture new markets overseas. To make a further saving in foreign currency spent on cameras, projectors, and sound equipment, the Rank organisation set up its own film equipment factory some months ago, and before long this factory itself will export some of its products.

The tendency of British film producers to contrast their traditional realism of films from other countries is expressed characteristically by these journeys round the world. Last November, instead of building a South Sea Island of cloth and cardboard in the studio, the producer, Frank Launder took his star, Jean Simmons, as well as a dozen sarongs specially woven for her, to the Yasawa Islands, part of the Fiji group, and 200 miles from the nearest large settlement, while they are making their colour film "The Blue Lagoon" there, the film people will live on the Governor's houseboat. The pro-

ducer, Michael Balcon sent two groups overseas; one to Australia to make a film about gold-diggers in the 1870's called "Eureka Stockade", and the other to northern Norway, where, on a snow-covered plateau 4,000 feet above sea-level they are filming the life story of a great Polar explorer, "Scott of the Antarctic". Other scenes for this film have already been shot in the South Polar Regions and in Switzerland.

Lord Byron In Italy

Several companies are visiting Italy at the same time. "One Night Without You," as its title implies, requires night scenes; these are being taken on the terrace of a hotel at Stresa. Scenes for "The Bad Lord Byron" were taken recently at Venice and Ravenna, the poet's historic home. The Armenian monks of San Lazzaro Island, with their black capes and romantic beards, played in these scenes as extras. Dennis Price, who plays the poet,

once had to change for a swimming scene in the padded cell of a mad-house; and he thought he heard a voice singing in English at night in the Mocenigo Palace. Byron's home on the Canale Grande. "Oh, that would be Byron's ghost," the family who are at present occupying the Palace told him, "we have often seen him."

Contemporary Problems

But even more important than these feature films is Rank's new series called "This Modern Age". Britain's parallel to the American "March of Time". These monthly 20-minute films went into production in January, 1946, with one editorial team and two camera teams; by now, five editorial and seven camera teams (all using British equipment) are busy all over the world, recording contemporary life and problems for the screen in strictly non-party documentaries. Their aim is to make cinema-goers think, and to provide them with all information relevant to the times. This series has enjoyed great success both at home and overseas. So far, 14 screen commentaries have dealt with contemporary subjects, from Palestine to the coal crisis, and from the West Indies to Scotland. Yards. Sixteen further editions are being prepared and the subjects include films on Scotland, the Future of the Ruhr, Mineral Oil, Women, International Trade, Italy's Colonies, Britain's Economic Crisis and India.

"This Modern Age" goes out into the world in 23 languages, into many countries—Australia, Belgium, China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, the Netherlands East Indies, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Iceland, India, Iraq, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Palestine, the Union of South Africa, Malaya, the Sudan, Sweden, West Africa. Negotiations are at present in hand with the U.S.S.R., Finland and Portugal. Thus Britain's cameramen, as they journey round the world, help the understanding of contemporary problems—and so assist mutual understanding among the nations.



Victor Mature and Coleen Gray in "The Kiss of Death."

SHADOWS BEFORE

THE GHOST AND MRS. MUIR.
Stars: Gene Tierney, Rex Harrison and George Sanders.
Story: From the celebrated best-seller which spread a sly smile universally. Gene Tierney appears as the high-spirited widow who gets caught up in an awkward predicament. Harrison plays the sea-captain who attempts to provide an answer to the problem, and George Sanders plays excellently on the sidelines. Nice work.

FRAMED.
Stars: Glenn Ford, Janis Carter and Barry Sullivan.
Story: A murder plot which goes a little astray when the girl has a sudden change of heart. Both Ford and Miss Carter are provided with dramatic opportunity of which they take full advantage. Not everybody's meal, but fast-moving and shrewdly handled.

KISS OF DEATH.
Stars: Victor Mature and Brian Donlevy, introducing Coleen Gray.

Story: A drama of a mobster's adventures inside and outside prison walls, written by a District Attorney and based upon fact. The play was written by Ben Hecht, Charles Lederer and the plot construction and pungent realistic dialogue reveal it. Victor Mature in this film that he is becoming a star.

REUNION IN FRANCE.
Stars: Joan Crawford, John Wayne and Philip Dorn.
Story: Of France during the occupation of the country by the Nazis, with naturally some misunderstanding about who is loyal and who is not. It provides an effective story of the underground struggle in France during the war, and of course all comes right in the end. Joan Crawford has the role of a rich, socially prominent Parisienne, who risks life and liberty to enable a young American to escape from a Nazi camp. Philip Dorn, playing opposite her, gives an outstanding performance.



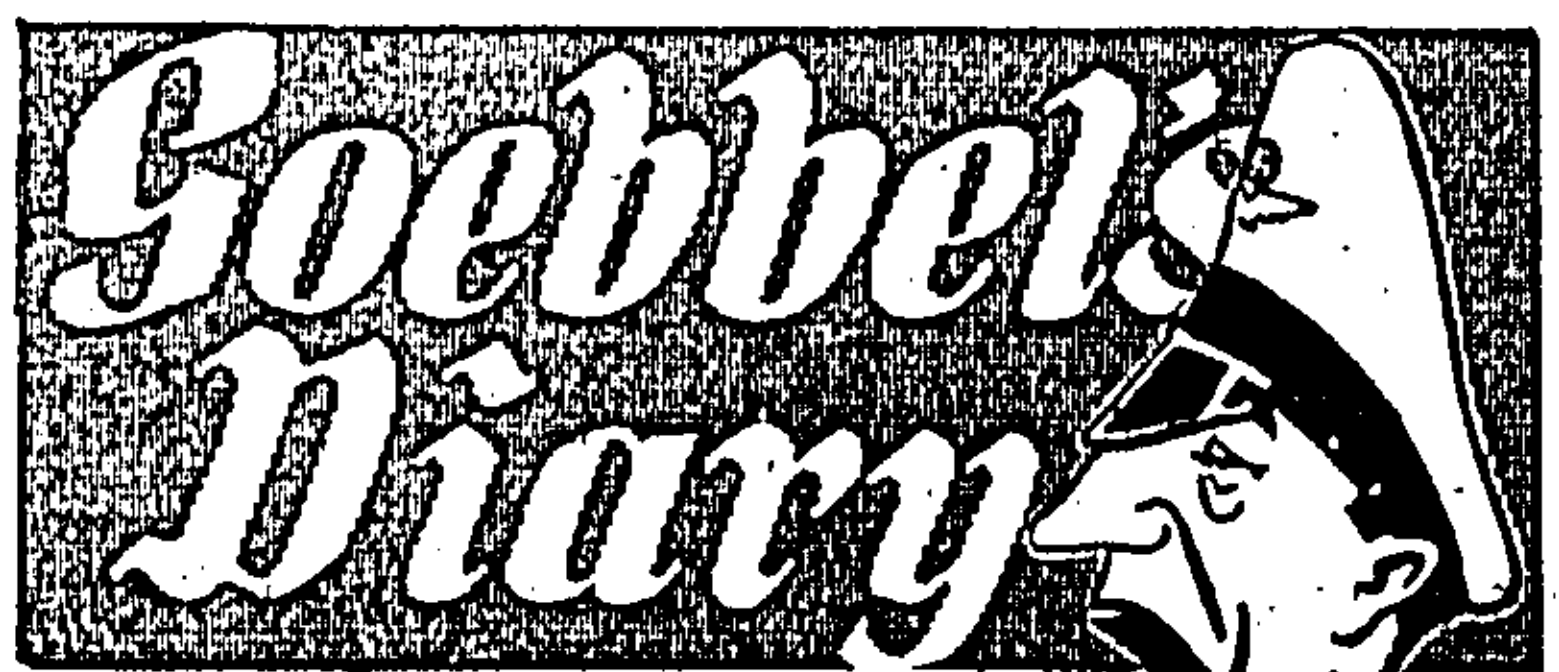
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Someone close to the Duce has published further details about his imprisonment. They convey the impression that the Duce had really expected to be delivered over to the English and Americans, but that he intended to thwart this by suicide.
September 23, Bormann, who met us on our arrival at the Fuehrer's G.H.G., brought me the sad news that Kube, our regional commissar in Minsk, was killed by a bomb during the night. A mine with a time fuse had been placed under his bed; he was literally torn to pieces.
This shows what dangers leading National Socialists must face, in the occupied countries in the East.
In the occupied areas a number of other attempts were car-

ried out last night, but on personalities of less high rank. It looks as if the Bolsheviks intend to start a new wave of assassinations.
The Fuehrer asked me to accompany him on his morning walk. Apparently he has recuperated well in recent weeks.
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The Fuehrer began by telling me the happy news that submarine warfare is beginning to take a new large-scale lease on life.

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Now, as before, he is unflinchingly determined to inflict reprisals on the English which will pay them back for what they have done to us. Construction of rockets as a weapon of retaliation is under way.
The Fuehrer believes that our great reprisal campaign by rockets can begin at the end of January or early in February of next year.
Things have been made considerably easier by the fact that we got away from electric rays in connection with our rockets. This leaves the English no technical possibility of interfering with the course of a rocket.
If submarine warfare develops and if our retaliation weapon swings into action, both these successes will hit the English hard at a time when they are tired of war.

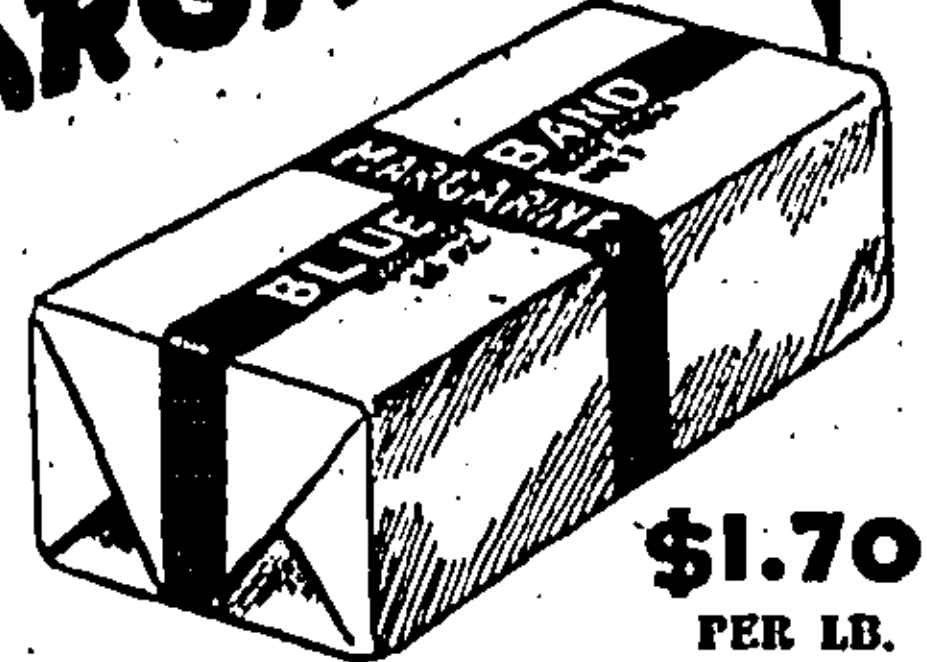
Possibly a fundamental change can be effected in the British attitude toward the war.
I learned for the first time from the Fuehrer that our big rocket weighs 14 tons. That, of course, is a murderous tool.
I believe that when the first of these missiles descends upon London a sort of panic will break out among the English people.
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ALLIES SCRAP PLANS FOR WESTERN GERMAN CABINET**No Provisional Government Set Up****More Powers For Economic Bodies**

Berlin, Apr. 14.

Britain and the United States have scrapped their plans for an early provisional West German Government; it was reported here today, and Russia, at the same time, reaffirmed her desire for four-power currency reform in Germany.

Allied sources here indicated that the Western powers would give greater political power to German bizonal economic institutions, instead of proclaiming any provisional government before Germany goes to the polls.

The British and American Military Governors, General Sir Brian Robertson and General Lucius Clay, attended today's session of the two-power Control Board of Frankfurt, understood to be discussing German proposals on Marshall aid to Germany, coal production, and the halting of the dismantling of industries.

The Russians today failed to send representatives to the British Commission called to inquire into the Viking-Yak air collision over Berlin in which 15 lives were lost.

British representatives began the inquiry without them, after waiting 15 minutes in case they should turn up. Thirteen witnesses, all British technical experts, were to be heard.

Red Accusations

American and French observers were present at the inquiry.

Plans for a joint Anglo-Soviet inquiry have not gone forward because the Russians do not agree to the calling of American or German witnesses.

A Russian official statement in today's Tagesschau, the Soviet Military Government organ, denied what it called the "provocative reports" in West German papers that the Russians

had declined to discuss currency reform for the whole of Germany. "They aim," said the Russians, "at preparing a separate currency reform in Western Germany."

Such action "will destroy the German State and plunge Germany into economic chaos," the Soviet statement declared. Russia had suggested that an all-Germany currency reform should be established as a matter of principle.

A Referendum

The Communist-sponsored People's Congress has notified the four Allied commanders that it intends holding a referendum on the question of German unity at the end of next month.

It was not known here today whether the Western Allies would assent.

In Vienna, Soviet guards today relaxed their restrictions on British movements through the zonal barriers at Semmering Pass.

They let both lorries and trains pass through with only the production of the grey four-power passes, without photographs, which they had previously declared were insufficient identification.

A British convoy went through the pass after a 10-minute delay, and military trains were held up at the same place for only a few minutes.—Reuter.

U.S. STANDS FIRM

Washington, Apr. 14.

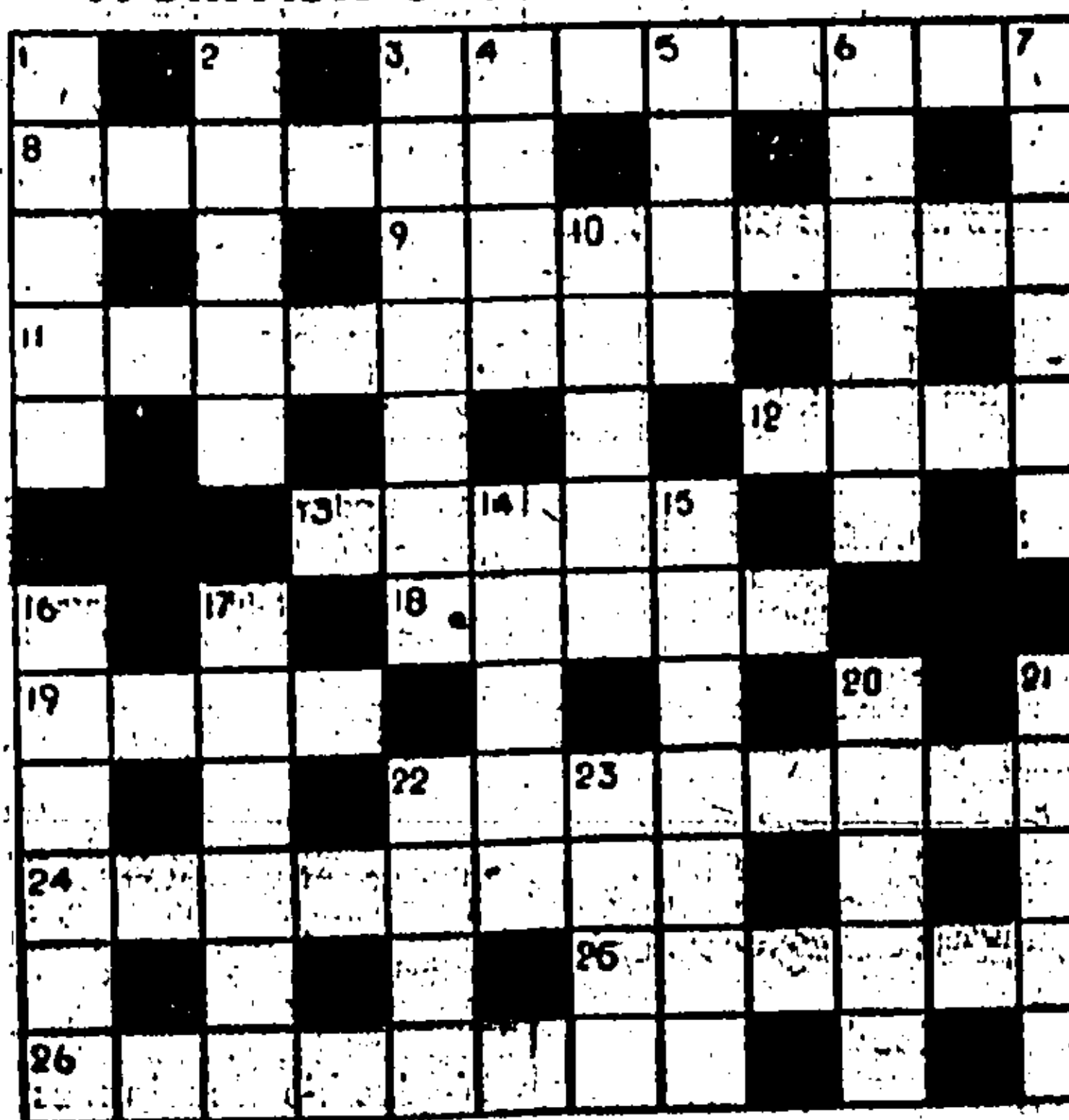
The United States would not sacrifice any of her essential rights in Berlin, Mr. Robert Lovett, acting Secretary of State, said at a press conference here today.

Mr. Lovett said the United States Government was in the closest contact with the Military Commander in Berlin, and would follow the line which was most appropriate to compose the recent difference between the Russian and American authorities there without sacrificing any essential rights.

He made the statement when asked to comment on the suggestion that the United States and Soviet Governments should negotiate with each other directly instead of through the Russian and American authorities in Berlin, in order to settle the present

breakdown of the four-power administration there.

Mr. Lovett said the flight of B-29 Superfortresses now on their way to Furstenfeldbruck, in the American Zone of Germany, was a routine training mission. He described the rumour of flights over Italy as "flights of fancy" and denied the bombers would fly over Italy during next Sunday's American strength. He also said there was no truth in reports disseminated by the Communists in Italy that the United States was planning to use Sicily as a base for aeroplanes and atomic weapons.—Reuter.

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1. Meriment
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4. Marries
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6. Brings on
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"Missing Air Liner Was Sabotaged"

London, Apr. 14.

The former chief of the British South American Airline reiterated today his theory that the work of saboteurs sent the trans-Atlantic airliner "Star Tiger" plunging into the sea.

The plane, with 31 on board, disappeared late last January on a flight from the Azores to Bermuda.

Air Marshal D. C. T. Bennett, who was Chief of B.S.A.A. at the time, told the court of inquiry that he believed sabotage could have been the only possible cause of the disaster.—Associated Press.

Hush-Hush At Atom Centre

London, Apr. 14.

Government Departments concerned with building Britain's atomic research station at Harwell, Berkshire, today refused an independent inquiry into progress there.

They denied charges of faulty administration.

Replying to recent criticism by a Parliamentary committee, the Departments blamed shortages of labour and specialised machinery for the delays that had occurred. Since the Royal Air Force station on the Berkshire Downs was converted into an atomic research station in October, 1945, a low energy pile has been built and now work is in progress on a second and higher powered pile. Over 3,000 workers are employed.—Reuter.

Costa Rica Cease Fire Order

Washington, Apr. 14.

Both sides in the civil war in Costa Rica have issued a cease-fire order, in an effort to arrange an armistice, and it appears from reports received here last night that the order was effective, Mr. Robert Lovett, acting Secretary of State, said today.

The cease-fire order went out on Monday, after the President of the Republic, Señor Teodoro Picado, had appealed to the Diplomatic Corps at San Jose to save the city from the advancing revolutionary armies.

He said the United States Embassy in San Jose, the Costa Rican capital, reported that isolated fighting was continuing between right wing rebels and Government forces which had not received the order.—Reuter.

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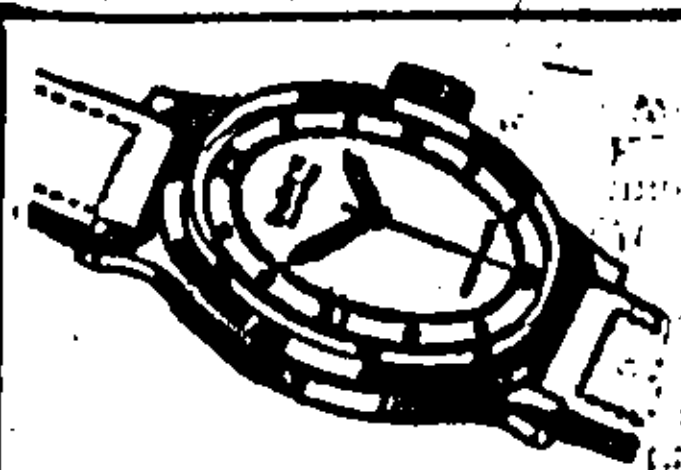
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BOXING TOURNEY China Fleet Club Programme

Louis To Fight Walcott

New York, Apr. 14. Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott signed contracts today for a return world heavyweight title fight at the Yankee stadium in New York on June 23.

RAF Trounce Eastern 3-0

In their last league engagement this season the R.A.F. trounced a moderate Eastern side by three goals to nil yesterday. Eastern's lack of skill and initiative in no way belittled the airmen's performance for they played a fast open game which did not allow the Chinese to settle down to close passing.

The airmen took control right from the start. Scoring twice in the first half, they gave the Chinese a lead of two goals. The first two goals came in this fashion, but in the second half the team were not so lucky. The Chinese were unable to score a goal over Tan's upstretched arms.

Robert was given a good opening in the 21st minute and he put in a line shot that gave his side the lead.

Five minutes later, following a scramble from a corner, he beat a defender to the ball and neatly tapped it past. Tan to put the R.A.F. two to nil.

Sowell was soon on the mark in the second half, at the ten minute mark he headed a high ball through the centre and caught the Eastern goalie unaware. The ball passed just over his hands into the net. The R.A.F. continued to dominate play and they were unlucky on three occasions not to score still further ahead.

R.A.F.: Bartrum, Davies, Souter, Hall, Aronson, Graham, Barker, Hamilton, Brown, Roberts and MacKenna.

Eastern: Tam Kwan-kin, Fok Yee-wah, Tak Shun-park, Leung Man-ying, Cheung Shui-hong, Law Wai-keung, Tak Wai-keung, Chen Chiu-fun, Lee Tak-see.

Today's Games

The last First Division League football game of the season is to be played this afternoon at Caroline Hill at 5 p.m. will be between South China and Police.

On the Club ground at the same time, Sing Tao meet Eastern in the return play-off game for the Second Division title.

On Wednesday Sing Tao unexpectedly beat Eastern by one goal in three and need only a draw to win the Junior championship which they won last year.

Return Bout Between Pulling And Biggs

Another successful gathering of boxers and the Hong Kong public will be staged at the China Fleet Club (East side of Naval Dockyard, Wanchai Area) at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Apr. 21.

Bookings are now available at the China Fleet Club and all one does is send the request for seats together with price to cover. Tickets are based on \$12.50 and \$6 and \$3 but every lady or gentleman will get a fine view of the Ring, whatever the seat. Tickets also on sale at the door at 7.30 p.m. just before the fights commence.

The boxers have been chosen with much care, one of the two who figure in the main fight having the added prospect of winning outright a fine souvenir graciously presented by the Grand Old Man of Hong Kong—Sir Shouson Chow, K.L.

The contenders are Red Biggs, South African Champion, and R. Pulling, Services and Royal Navy Champion. Both men are in full training with Biggs determined to retrace their last fight decision while Pulling is equally determined to show that his last win was no fluke. A four and six fight is there for all to see, and the winner will have to be very much in his best form.

The next fight in importance is Charles Thompson versus Muslim Bull of H.M.S. "London". Thompson has shown he is the killer type, his last knock-out victory from the Gunners will testify. Bull's reputation and boxing class are rated very high aboard his ship and he may prove a strong and troublesome mauler.

Close Fight
The following brawl will display Tony Silva in action against Petty Officer Scollings, Royal Navy. Neither of these rugged men have lost a fight and the winner knows he may be pitted against the redoubtable Pulling on next card. This may prove one of the closest battles to be seen here in many a long year.

The Police take the Arena in the next fight, L/Opt. Loftus, Corps of Military Police, facing Yang Loong Kai of the Hong Kong Force. A glimpse into the past reveals Loftus with a grand Army fighting record while the Chinese arm of law is reputed to have beaten good American Service Boxers in War-time Kwailin, Jap Occupied China.

Two Artillerymen face two Sailor in Fights 5 and 6 and anything might happen. Williams the Gunner takes the ring against Seaman McLaughlin and whoever goes down will have a friend trying for sweet revenge in the next bout when O'Shea of the Royal Artillery tries conclusions with the powerful Stoker Donnelly of H.M.S. "London". One or both of these fight may be very hair-raising.

Lo Brothers Enter Quarter-Finals

The youthful Kenneth and Thomas Lo had no difficulty in entering the quarter finals of the Open Doubles Tennis Championship when they beat Choy Ping-fan and Lee Yue-wing on the stand court in straight sets yesterday.

The Lo youngsters showed great promise and once they had won the first set played confidently and had the older pair in difficulty with their cross court drives and volleying.

A four struggle was witnessed between Goncalves and Reed and Wong Shui-wong and Luk Ming-cheung which resulted in the Portuguese pair winning.

Goncalves and Reed won the first set at 6-2 and with the edge on their opponents at 4-3 failed badly in the second set. Goncalves missing some easy shots. The Chinese pair rallied well to win the set at 6-4.

Both pair won their games alternately in the deciding set. The winners again led 4-3 but failed to consolidate their position through errors. All the players were obviously tired at the end when the Portuguese pair won by 7-5.

The attraction today will be the quarter-finals doubles match in which Paul Kong and K. H. Ip will be pitted against Lee Wai-fong and P. T. Hau.

Housing Schemes Approved

The provisional committee of the Hong Kong Home-Building and Investment Society have received a letter from the Director of Public Works advising them that Government has approved in principle of their proposals for housing schemes at Jardine's Lookout and Kowloon Tsai.

A meeting of the committee will be held shortly to discuss the terms of sale of the land to the Society, after which a statement will be released to the press. In the meantime, prospective participants in the scheme are requested to exercise a little more patience. They can rest assured that their interests will be well looked after.

Cigarette Fraud In Kowloon

A chance purchase of a packet of cigarettes by an off-duty constable last Tuesday evening at No. 360, Prince Edward Road, ground floor, led to the discovery of an ingenious trick of larceny of cigarettes.

P.C. 792 finished his schedule and went out to get a packet of Abdullah 20 at 9.30 p.m. last Tuesday at No. 360, Prince Edward Road, ground floor. He paid the usual \$1.00 and stripped off the neatly-packed cellophane covering of the packet. That done, he pried off the top and to his amazement found instead of cigarettes old newspaper folded inside.

He asked the surprised stall holder, Yeung Cheung, how the packet came to be there, and was told that a man, whom he identified on the spot a few feet away, had given him back the packet after buying it, explaining that they were of bad quality.

The man, Cheung Kong, was arrested. Asked how he managed to get the "forged" packet, he could not answer.

A parcel which he was carrying was searched and in it were found 12 packets of various brands of 10 and 20 cigarettes. All were false and filled with newspaper, neatly folded. The cellophane covering was in order and would have deceived anyone. Four also were two genuine packets, one of Pirats 20 and the other Gold Flake 10.

The genuine packet of Abdullah 20 was found in a lower pocket of his jacket. Defendant, pleading guilty, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Blair-Kerr when he appeared at Kowloon Magistrate yesterday charged with larceny by trick of a packet of cigarettes worth \$1.00.

Sub-Inspector Howarth prosecuted.

"One Of The Worst I Have Seen"

"It was one of the worst cases of driving I have seen for some time," the Director of Air Services, Mr. A. J. R. Moss, told the Court at Kowloon yesterday when he appeared as principal witness against lorry-driver Li Hin, 37, charged with driving without due care and attention at the junction of Nathan Road and Salisbury Road last Tuesday afternoon.

Li, who was not represented legally, was convicted and fined \$150 by Mr. Blair-Kerr. Sub-Inspector Sargeant said that Li had two previous summonses against him.

Mr. Moss told the Court that he drove from the Star Ferry towards Nathan Road at 1.20 p.m. last Tuesday and was following a taxi cab. At the junction of Nathan Road and Salisbury Road the taxi turned into Nathan Road. He was only about 20 yards behind.

Home Soccer

London, Apr. 14.

Football matches: FIRST DIVISION: Villa 3 Blackburn 2, Derby 1 Wolves 1, Everton 2 Chelsea 0, Portsmouth 0. Middlesbrough 1 through 1.

SECOND DIVISION: Chesterfield 1 Southampton 1, Luton 2 Barnsley 1, Newcastle 1 Fulham 0.

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTHERN): Bournemouth 0 Queens Park 1, Swindon 3 Exeter 2.

THIRD DIVISION (NORTHERN): Crewe 4 Stockport 2.

SCOTTISH "A" DIVISION: East Fife 5 Dundee U. 1.

SCOTTISH "B" DIVISION: SUPPLEMENTARY CUP (SECOND ROUND): Albion 2.

Other Match: Chester 0 Manchester City 1. Reuter.

RUGBY LEAGUE

London, Apr. 14.

Rugby League results: Bradford Northern 22, Wokington 20, 10. Bramley 9, Hull 2, 10. Runcorn 18, Wakefield Trinity 10, 10. Leeds 21, Belle Vue Rangers 3, 10. Liverpool Stanley 5, Wigan 22, 10. Salford 10, Rochdale Hornets 10, 10.

'TOOTH-BRUSH' SEIZURE Confiscation Of Pens Ordered

'Machinery For Check Impaired'

"The authorities cannot be expected to regard manifests and export declarations as not worth the paper they are written on, and check every iota of goods imported to and exported from the Colony."

"I hope traders will bear in mind the provisions of the law relating to importation and exportation and the serious penalties prescribed for breaches of those provisions."

The above was contained in the judgment delivered by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday in the case in which Im Foo-sang, 41-year-old merchant of 20 Wing Lok Street, West, was charged with exporting unmanifested cargo at Kai Tak Airport at 11.30 a.m. on April 6.

Revenue Officer D. H. Knox prosecuted, while Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ was for the defendant.

At the previous hearing on April 10 it was stated by Revenue Officer D. Knox that the seizure of the case by Revenue Officer Fowler was made as the result of a seizure of four cases, also manifested as tooth-brushes, earlier that day and which proved to contain gold bullion.

The Judgment
Giving judgment yesterday, Mr. Blair-Kerr said:

"I adjourned this case last Saturday to enable the Court to look up any available authorities. I have not been able to find reported cases quite in point."

"It is admitted that the export of fountain pens is not prohibited and the goods were not dutiable (at least so far as Hong Kong is concerned). We are not concerned with the position in Thailand. A licence for the export of pens would have been granted if it had been applied for."

"Nevertheless, the export of unmanifested cargo in ships and aircraft is strictly prohibited by rule 2 under section 8 of the Ordinance. The penal section of the Ordinance (Section 13) gives Summary Courts the same powers as the Court on indictment. The penalties are one year's imprisonment and a fine up to \$10,000 and confiscation appears to be discretionary."

"The defendant signed the usual declaration form (A. 603) and stated that the consignment was 'tooth-brushes' and said in this declaration that this was 'true', and he did so, well knowing that about \$6,000 worth of fountain pens had been carefully packed into the tooth brush boxes in that consignment."

"The reason he gave was that this was his way of fooling possible thieves and plotters in Thailand, following his experience of some previous consignments having been tampered with and damaged to some extent in that country."

"It seems to me that this cannot be given much weight as it would render nugatory a strict injunction of the municipal law of Hong Kong. If all traders behaved as the defendant has done, it takes little imagination to visualise the confusion which would result in local and international trade."

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On March 2, Fung gave the defendant \$110 which the defendant said was for entertaining the office staff and also for the licence. Fung did not get the promised pitch, and when he saw the defendant on March 9 he found that nothing had been done.

He looked for the defendant on March 16, but found his stall closed and could not trace him.

Boy Sent To Gaol For Car Thefts

A slip of a boy, who claimed to be 17 years old and who was described as being a member of a gang which operates around car parks stealing articles left inside, especially during the summer season, was sentenced to six months' hard labour on charges of stealing \$38 from a private car and of maliciously damaging the window of the car.

Inspector Roberts told the Court that, at 2.30 p.m. on April 10 the complainant, Teang Wah, saw the defendant with two others, not in custody, breaking a rear window of Private Car No. 1898 with stones. The defendant was helped by his companions into the car through the broken window. He then took \$38 from the pocket of a coat left in the car.

Teang went up to the thieves and the two walking outside took to their heels, leaving the defendant trapped inside the car. Teang's attention was distracted while he held the defendant, who wriggled free and snatched away a \$20 banknote which he hid behind his back.

Alleged Kidnapper Arrested

An alleged kidnapper was arrested on Border Road by the Shataukok Police, under S/I. Howlett, within 40 minutes of the report of the crime being made by the victim. Another man was picked up later in the evening.

At 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Tang Ho-yu of Sun Village, Shataukok, reported to the Police that he had just escaped from a pill-box in a hill overlooking Choi Yuen Kok where he had been kept captive since April 10.

On that date, he said, three men, armed with shot guns, entered his house at 11 p.m., and stole \$4,000 cash, a metal wrist watch, and a gold ring.

They then blindfolded him and led him up to the pill-box on the hill where, he said, he was kept chained for two days. On Tuesday, said Tang, his guard went down to the village for food while he was asleep.

As the guard was still absent when he woke up, Tang hot-footed it down to the village and made the report.

At 4.10 p.m. the Police made their first capture on Border Road.

A man was arrested by a Police party, led by DSI J. Sykes, at Fuk Tsuen Road, Tai Kok Tsui, at 8 p.m. on Thursday in possession of a two-inch mortar shell. Later in the night, another suspect was taken into custody by the same Police party at Shamshuipo.

False Pretences Case Dismissed

Chan Chok-wah, 36, of No. 565 Shanghai Street, third floor, was yesterday acquitted by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Magistrate on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, representing the defendant, told the Court that his client firmly believed that he could get a licence and there was no lot of false pretences.

The Magistrate ruled that defendant had no case to answer and dismissed the charge.

DSI Skyes told the Court that on Feb. 7, Fung Ho, the complainant, and his aunt went to the Hawkers Office to exchange their licence for a fruit seller's licence. They did so and because the pitch offered did not suit them.

On Feb. 24 Fung and a friend chatted over the matter at Fung's cigarette stall and defendant, who was a friend, joined in. He said he could get Fung a better pitch for \$100, promising to return the money in three weeks if he could not do so.

H.K.A.A. Scope Expanding

On the revival of the Hong Kong Automobile Association, various sub-committees have been elected to find ways and means whereby facilities can be offered to all its members.

As from the April 15 a system of compulsory car cleaning and washing will be put into operation under the charge of a paid supervisor and two inspectors, one for Hong Kong, and the other for Kowloon, the number only \$10 later.

Before the war, members were each given an A.A. Badge, at a nominal fee, to be fitted in front of their cars. It is understood that a small stock of pre-war make are still available. These are being ordered and before long these badges will be available for all members of the Association.

Those who wish to join this Association can apply direct to the Secretaries and Treasurers of the Association, Messrs. Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co., Exchange Building, or to any one of its Committee members.

Mechanic Severely Burned

Sparks from a battery ignited some leaking petrol from a motor truck stationed in a garage at No. 118 Tai Po Road, causing two fire appliances from Kowloon Fire Station under Station Officer P. C. Shum to rush to the scene only to find the blaze under control.

A mechanic employed in the garage, in putting out the fire, suffered severe burns and was rushed to Kowloon Hospital where he was detained.

The Philippine tanker, "Yar" berthed at Tai Kok Tsui, Saturday night, on Wednesday following a rough passage from Manila. The ship was damaged and the crew will be placed in a hospital. The ship was damaged and the crew will be placed in a hospital.